<u>AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION</u>

Please amend the paragraph on page 6, lines 22 to 28, as follows:

That is, the dicarboxylate monoester compound represented by the general formulae (1) and (2) may be yielded by reacting dicarboxylic acid represented by the following general formula (4), (5) or (6) and/or an anhydrate-anhydride thereof with alcohol. In these formulae, R₁ and R₂ represent alkyl groups having 0 to 8 carbon atoms, R₄ and R₅ represent hydrogen atoms or alkyl groups having 1 to 8 carbon atoms.

Please amend the paragraph on page 7, lines 7 to 10, as follows:

Examples of dicarboxylic acid represented by the above general formula (4), (5) or (6) and/or an anhydrate anhydride thereof may include fumaric acid, itaconic acid, itaconic acid anhydrateanhydride, mesaconic acid, glutaconic acid and traumatic acid, and itaconic acid anhydrate anhydride is the most preferable because its reactivity is high.

Please amend the paragraph on page 8, lines 5 to 8, as follows:

An amount of alcohol to be added to the dicarboxylic acid and/or dicarboxylic acid anhydrate anhydride is preferably 40 to 300 parts by weight based on 100 parts by weight of the dicarboxylic acid and/or dicarboxylic acid anhydrate anhydride.

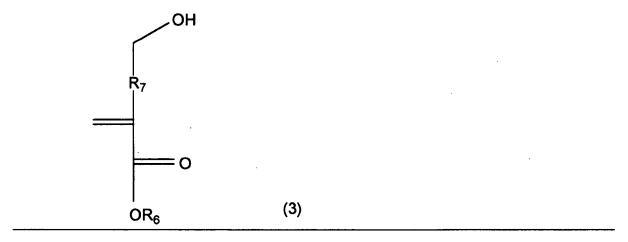
Please amend the paragraph on page 8, lines 9 to 12, as follows:

A reaction condition for an esterification reaction using the dicarboxylic acid and/or dicarboxylic acid anhydrate anhydride with alcohol is not particularly limited, but it is preferable to perform under the temperature condition at 30 to 140°C.

Please amend the paragraph on page 9, lines 6 to 10, as follows:

The polymer having the dicarboxylate monoester structural unit according to the present invention is easily produced by polymerizing the dicarboxylate monoester compound represented

by the above formulae (1) and (2) alone, or copolymerizing the dicarboxylate monoester compound with the other another polymerizable monomer of general formula (3).



wherein, R₆ represents an alkyl group having 1 to 8 carbon atoms or a polycyclic hydrocarbon group, and R₇ represents an alkyl group having 1 to 8 carbon atoms.

Please amend the paragraph on page 9, lines 11 to 18, as follows:

Examples of the copolymerizable monomer with the dicarboxylate monoester compound may include (meth)acrylic acid and esters thereof; styrene based compounds such as styrene, α-methylstyrene, 4-hydroxystyrene and 4-tert-butoxystyrene; (meth)acrylonitrile, α-hydroxyalkyl acrylic acid and esters thereof; 5-norbornene-2-carboxylic acid and esters thereof, 5-norbornene-2,3-dicarboxylic acid anhydrate anhydride and esters thereof, 5-norbornene-2-methanol, maleic acid anhydrate anhydride and esters thereof, and maleimides.

Please amend the paragraph on page 9, lines 21 to 22, as follows:

In the above general formula (3), R_6 may include alkyl groups having 1 to 8 carbon atoms or a-polycyclic hydrocarbon groups.